

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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REMARKS

Claim 2 is pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3-8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Examiner's representative in the telephone interview conducted December 13, 2005.

Claim 2 sets forth that an inner face of the first division member is pressed against the water-stop portion of the wire harness when the convex portion of the first division member is pressed toward the second division member and that the inner face of the first division member of the grommet has a flat face. During the telephone interview of December 13, 2005 the Examiner agreed that Kortenbach (U.S. Patent No. 6,627,817) lacks a first division member with a flat face as claimed. Particularly, receiving grooves 9 and guide tongues 8 cannot be considered the claimed flat face because these elements do not constitute inner faces which are pressed against the wire harness as claimed. Accordingly, claim 2 is allowable over Kortenbach. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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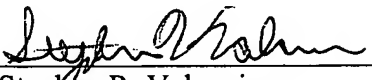
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